**Outstanding dues to Railways**

1588. SHRI NILOTPAL BASU: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large amount of money remains outstanding as dues to the Railways;

(b) if so, the current status and the details thereof;

(c) the corresponding details for 1998-99 and 1999-2000;

(d) whether it is a fact that the proportion of outstanding dues on account of private debtors is increasing; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) to (e) The position of outstanding dues as at the end of December during the last three years is furnished below:

(Rs. in crore)

| Category | Outstanding as on 31st December | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| | 1998-1999 | 1999-2000 | 2000-2001 |
| (A) Steel Plants | 38.59 | 43.32 | 33.67 |
| (B) Other Public Sector Undertakings | 105.16 | 119.00 | 167.61 |
| (C) State Governments | 61.14 | 69.32 | 104.15 |
| (D) Central Ministries | 96.85 | 108.35 | 130.92 |
| (E) State Electricity Boards/Power Houses | 1389.66 | 1467.82 | 1895.01 |
| (F) Private Parties | 171.85 | 218.17 | 226.96 |
| (G) Others | 450.19 | 537.30 | 469.06 |
| (H) Total outstanding | 2313.44 | 2563.28 | 3027.38 |
| (I) Proportion of outstanding dues on account of private parties (F/H in %) | 7.43 | 8.51 | 7.50 |